

Sunnyside Elementary New Family Checklist 2020-2021

Welcome to Sunnyside Elementary School!

To join our Google Group electronic mailing list for incoming families and stay informed about any welcome events, please email [welcome@sunnysidek5.org](mailto:welcomesunnysidek5.org) with the following information:

- 1) Your child's name
- 2) The grade your child is entering (e.g., K, 1, 2)
- 3) Guardian name(s)
- 4) Guardian email address(es)

Enrollment/Registration

- Confirm enrollment during the registration period once you have received confirmation of placement from SFUSD.
- Complete and turn in your child's medical and immunization forms before the first day of school. By law, children who are not immunized (except for legal exemptions) cannot attend school. If you have questions about these or other school forms, please contact our school secretary at 415-469-4746.
- Applications for before/aftercare will be available on the Sunnyside Elementary website before the school year begins (URL below). If you receive your school assignment after the start of the academic year, the YMCA-run aftercare program is typically able to accommodate new families.
 - More aftercare information can be found on our website: <https://www.sunnysidek5.org/aftercare.html>
 - Other questions about aftercare? Please email Elizabeth Capistrano, Sunnyside Aftercare Site Coordinator at ECapistrano@ymcasf.org

Back-to-School Dates for New Families

Please note that the following events are to be confirmed given COVID-19 precautions – we recommend that you check the website for up-to-date information.

- Friday before school starts: Incoming Kindergarten families will have a Practice First Day of School from 8:30-9:30am. Kindergarteners will be introduced to their teacher and classroom, while parents meet with the principal. Email the school office at sch842@sfusd.edu if you cannot attend.

- Sunday before school starts: Come to a schoolwide (K-5) back-to-school picnic at Balboa Park at 10am.
- First Day of School:
 - Morning Circle - 8:40am. Please plan to allow extra time for parking to accompany your child on the blacktop for the first Morning Circle of the year. The schoolyard opens at 8:20am.
 - Welcome Coffee - 8:50am. After children go into their classrooms, join us in the auditorium for coffee with the principal, aftercare providers, and other Sunnyside families.

After the School Year Begins:

- Prepare for your child to attend at least the first 3 days of school. You could lose your spot at Sunnyside if your child does not attend all 3 days.
- If you are interested in purchasing school lunch, you will be able to create a school lunch account online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com>. Your child's student ID/HOA # will be needed for this, which can be found on your SFUSD placement letter.
- Information about activating your account on our school's communication platform, ParentSquare, will be provided once the school year begins. This app and web-based platform enables communication with your teacher and the wider Sunnyside community through direct messaging, community posts, picture sharing, and activity sign-ups.
- Plan on attending the first PTA general meeting and Back-to-School Night in September. Once you've started school, you'll have access to a calendar with Sunnyside PTA and other community events on ParentSquare.
- Please note that rolling drop-off using the car drop zone is not available for Kindergartners until January, so plan to walk your child to the blacktop during the fall months. Parent attendance is welcome at the daily morning circle, although not required.

Additional questions? More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.sunnysidek5.org/new-families.html> or email welcome@sunnysidek5.org.